

The Gendered Impacts of Neo- Liberal Globalization

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Abstract:

The impacts of globalization on women have been differentiated and not uniform. It is believed that the globalization has opened up several new vistas and opportunities for women but at the same time it is responsible for the systemic subjugation of women and not bringing substantive qualitative changes in their life styles. In this article a gendered analysis of neoliberal globalization is done with the objective to understand how globalization creates or entrenches vulnerabilities, social hierarchies and inequalities in society.

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Globalization is considered as one of the most contested and debated topics of contemporary era owing to its multi-layered nature and never-ending elucidations. Often designated as an umbrella perception, the impact of globalization has been and remains a hotly debated, controversial and contested issue (Stegar 1999: Gupta & Sharma 2006). The debate on globalization cuts across the social sciences, generating an extensive literature to include political science, international relations, political economy, development studies, geography, sociology and cultural studies. The proliferation of literature combined with disagreements among commentators on the meaning, effects and impacts of neoliberal globalization, poses a major intellectual challenge in conceptualizing and theorizing the vast range of changes that have accompanied the process.

Globalization is understood to not only engender new configurations of social relations and economic relations that transcend national boundaries, but also foster ever-growing

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